

TRADE
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CHAPTER VII—TRADE AND INDUSTRIES.

(i) Trade.

Commercial
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Industrial
enquiries.

804. The number of commercial and industrial enquiries received and dealt with by the Department during the year was 206 (231). These enquiries were received as usual from the various mercantile bodies and Government Departments in and outside the State. Information about the industries, trade and commerce sought for by the mercantile classes was furnished to them directly or through the Directors of Industries of the States concerned and wherever necessary, they were also advised to contact the local firms. In addition, a large number of enquirers who called at the office were interviewed and supplied with the required information. Applications from local firms for the supply of stores to the Government of India Departments were also investigated with reference to their financial standing and business integrity and recommendations were made in deserving cases.

805. Arrangements made by the Department with the M. & S. M. Railway and the Mysore State Railway (now known as the Southern Railway, Madras and Southern Railway, Mysore) for the collection of the rail-borne trade statistics of Mysore once a quarter were continued. The scheme for the collection of road-borne trade statistics at the frontier toll-gates of the State, once a month, through the mutsaddies and contractors in charge of these toll-gates which was sanctioned by the Government in 1938 and continued from time to time was made permanent during the year.

Trade in
Merchandise.

806. The total volume of trade in merchandise during the half-year ending 30th September 1951 was 15.53 million railway maunds as compared with 16.90 million railway maunds during the previous half-year. The trade by rail accounted for 94 per cent of the total trade, while the balance of 6 per cent was accounted for by the road-borne trade.

Imports.

807. The total quantity of merchandise imported registered a decrease from 12.96 million railway maunds during the half-year ended 31st March 1951 to 12.43 million